

THE AMAZON WARRIORS.

Having Fought the French a Company Comes to Paris on Show.

Last week the *Sun* contained an account of an English girl who wants her sister women to organize military companies to demonstrate how brave and altogether deserving of independence they are. This doughty lady must be highly interested in the troupe of female warriors from Dahomey who have been performing in the Crystal Palace. They have made a three months' visit to Paris, and were visited by 900,000 persons. They are subjects of Behanzin, King of Dahomey, and belong to the famous regiments called the "Alligator" and the "Elephant," which formed his guard, and showed such valor in combats with the French under General Dodds. Some of them display now the marks of wounds they received then in battle.

They are forty-eight in number, averaging from 18 to 20 years of age, and are under the command of a tall young negress named Goomma, whose orders they obey with military precision. She is accompanied by two younger sisters as officers. They are not so tall, but are among the best looking girls of the troupe. They all seem amiable and happy, but it is said they would not contentedly follow their interpreter, Mr. Hood, were it not for the presence of two fetish sorcerers who accompany them.

The girl soldiers have their curly wool closely cropped and are scrupulously clean. They all bathe regularly, drink only tea, and live chiefly on rice. They are very abstemious, and this gives them a splendid physique. They are as strong and as active as young leopards, and march with a springy step delightful to the eye of the droll sergeant. Their legs are naked to the knees and are well shaped. How they can march through a rough country, infested with poisonous snakes, is a mystery. Perhaps it is for this that they hold sacred a thick black snake with an intolerable odor.

They carry no baggage on the march and sleep on straw mattresses, which they fashion themselves, yet they have fine, smooth skins of dark brown, or sepia tint, and velvety to the touch. Their arms and shoulders are rounded, and, altogether, they are good specimens of one of the finest negro races in Africa. All of the Amazons smoke, but possess fine, white teeth. They delight in oranges, which they call "sirop." They wear polished steel bangles below the knees as indication of their military rank. Quarrels are not frequent among them, and considerable affection exists between the soldiers and Goomma. Eight male cabacores or soldiers attend the Amazons to assist in the sword dances, and two of them, of huge size, act as drummers, producing the monotonous sound with which it is not always safe to interfere.

The dusky damsels must remain unmarried during the period of their military service, after which the king provides them with husbands from among the male warriors. They themselves spin and weave the striped cloth for the petticoat trousers they wear, and form, with rude skill, the curious braces and breastplates of white shells which partly conceal the upper part of their bodies.

The First Commoner.

The speaker's entertainments at the Palace of Westminster, a writer in the *Tribune* records, constitute quite important social features in the London season. The First Commoner in the Land—a title conferred by statute on the Speaker of the House of Commons several centuries ago—occupies a magnificent official residence on the river side of the Houses of Parliament, and devotes a considerable portion of his large salary to official entertainments while Parliament is in session. These entertainments take the shape of dinners and levees, at both of which the gentlemen who attend are expected to appear either in uniform or in court dress, the ordinary evening dress being strictly forbidden. The speaker himself receives his guests in a black velvet court suit, knee breeches, with silk stockings, a steel-handled sword, and beautiful lace ruffles round the neck and wrists. He is attended on such occasions by his official train-bearer (who on state occasions carries his train), his purse-bearer, his gentlemen-in-waiting and his chaplain. The table and the huge sideboards are loaded down with magnificent old plate belonging, *ex officio*, to the Speaker of the House of Commons; and from the walls look down the portraits of many famous "First Commoners" past and gone. The speaker takes wine with old-fashioned grace with each of his guests in turn, while the health of the Queen is invariably proposed and drunk with decorous and sincere fervor. The office of speaker carries with it, in addition to this palatial residence, a salary of \$30,000 and allowances amounting to almost as much more. Moreover, it is the privilege of each retiring speaker to receive a seat in the House of Lords. It may be added that the grant of this peerage is generally accompanied by a pension of \$20,000 a year for two generations.

A sympathetic lady on one occasion stepped up to the bed-side of a soldier lying in a hospital during the war, and inquired: "Well, my poor man; is there anything you want?" "No, miss, I b'lieve not." "You're sure there is nothing I can do for you?" "Nothin' I can think of." "Oh, I do want to do something for you—can't I wash your hands and face?" "Well, if you want to do that, I reckin' you kin, but you'll be the f'teenth lady who's done that same thing this morn'g, and two of 'em has washed my feet."

General Advertisements.

H. S. TREGLOAN & SON,
Merchant Tailors!
OFFER TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THEIR LARGE
AND COMPLETE STOCK OF

Foreign Woolens for Spring & Summer

AT 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT FOR CASH,
Business Suits Reduced to Twenty-two Dollars and 50 Cents
Business Pants Reduced to Six Dollars and 50 Cents.

Corner Fort & Hotel Sts.

TAHITI
Lemonade Works Co.,

23 Nuuanu, Honolulu, H. I.

MANUFACTURERS OF

High Class Beverages

Lemonade, Soda Water,

Ginger Ale, Hop Ale,

Sarsaparilla,

Plain Soda.

Sarsaparilla and

Iron Water,

Seltzer Water,

Etc., Etc., Etc.

A Trial Order Solicited

BENSON, SMITH & CO.,

AGENTS.

The Hawaiian News Co. Ld
STATIONERS,

News and Music Dealers,

25 AND 27 MERCHANT STREET, KEEP ON HAND

A Superior Assortment of Goods—Blank Books, all kinds; Memorandum Books, in great variety
PIANOS, GUITARS, MANDOLINS,

Sheet Music—Subscriptions Received for any Periodical Published.

—AGENTS FOR—

Klinkner's Red Rubber Stamp and Yost Type Writer.

ENTERPRISE PLANING MILL.

PETER HIGH, - - - Proprietor.

OFFICE AND MILL,

On Alakea and Richards near Queen Street, Honolulu, H. I.

MOULDINGS,

Doors, Sash, Blinds, Screens, Frames, Etc.

TURNED AND SAWED WORK.

Prompt attention to all orders.

TELEPHONES:

Mutual 55.

Bell 498.

General Advertisements.

...THE...
PRESS

Publishing
Company:

LIMITED.



109

BETHEL STREET, OPPOSITE
POST OFFICE. TELEPHONE:
237 "BELL"—"MUTUAL" 365.

PRINTERS

EVERY DESCRIPTION OF JOB,
BOOK AND COMMERCIAL
PRINTING, PAPER-RULING
AND BOOK-BINDING.



Lowest CASH Prices!

California Feed Co.

T. J. KING AND J. N. WRIGHT.

Have just received the Largest Stock of HAY and GRAIN ever imported by any firm in Honolulu, by any one vessel. This stock was personally selected by our Manager T. J. King during his recent trip to the coast, and is first class in every particular. We guarantee satisfaction in quality and price.

Give us a Trial.

KING & WRIGHT.

Telephones 121. Prompt Delivery

C. R. COLLINS,
Practical Harness Maker

Saddler and Carriage
Trimmer.

Repairs in the above branches, a specialty.
#8 Charges Moderate.

Personal attention given to all work.
42 King St., Next to Murray's carriage shop.

W. AHANA.
MERCHANT TAILOR,

No. 30 Merchant Street, Honolulu.

Fine suits from \$14 up. Linen and Crepe suits, \$6.50 up.

ALL SUITS GUARANTEED TO
FIT AND IN THE LATEST
STYLE

CLOTHES CLEANED AND REPAIRED.
44 21f

M. H. LOHEIDE,
Sign & Ornamental Painter

BELL TELEPHONE 137.

All Orders Promptly Attended to

General Advertisements.

HARDWARE, Builders and General,
always up to the times in quality, styles and prices.
Plantations Supplies,
a full assortment to suit the various demands.

Steel Plows,

made expressly for Island work with extra parts.

CULTIVATORS' CANE KNIVES.

Agricultural Implements,

F. es, Shovels, Mattocks, etc., etc.

Carpenters', Blacksmiths' and Machinists' Tools,

Screw Plates, Taps and Dies, Twist Drills, Paints and Oils, Brushes, Glass,

Asbestos Hair Felt and Felt Mixture.

Blakes' Steam Pumps, Weston's Centrifugals.

SEWING MACHINES.

Wilcox & Gibbs, and Remington.

Lubricating Oils, in quality and efficiency surpassed by none.

General Merchandise,

it is not possible to list everything we have; if there is anything you want, come and ask for it, you will be politely treated.

No trouble to show goods.

CASTLE & COKE,
Importers and Commission Merchants.

HENRY DAVIS & Co.,

52 Fort Street, Honolulu, H. I.

GROCERS AND PROVISION DEALERS!

Purveyors to the United States Navy and Provisioners of War Vessels.

FAMILY GROCERIES. TABLE LUXURIES. ICE HOUSE DELICACIES.

Coffee Roasters and Tea Dealers.

Island Produce a Specialty

FRESH BUTTER AND EGGS.

We are Agents and First Handlers of Maui Potatoes,

AND SELL AT LOWEST MARKET RATES.

P. O. Box 505.

Both Telephones Number 130.

For the Volcano!

Nature's Grandest Wonder.

The Popular and Scenic Route

—IS BY THE—

Wilder's Steamship Company's

AI STEAMER KINAU,

Fitted with Electric Light, Electric Bells, Courteous and Attentive Service

VIA HILO:

The Kinau Leaves Honolulu Every 10 Days,

TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS,

Arriving at Hilo Thursday and Sunday Mornings

From Hilo to the Volcano—30 Miles.

Passengers are Conveyed in Carriages,

TWENTY-TWO MILES,

Over a SPLENDID MACADAMIZED ROAD, running most of the way through a Dense Tropical Forest—a ride alone worth the trip. The balance of the road on horseback.

ABSENT FROM HONOLULU 7 DAYS!

TICKETS,

Including All Expenses,

For the Round Trip, :: Fifty Dollars.

For Further Information, CALL AT THE OFFICE,
Corner Fort and Queen Streets.

General Advertisements.

We are Still Importing Goods.

Among other things the bark "G. N. Wilcox" brought us the following:

Hubbuck's Genuine, No. 1 and No. 3 White Lead, in 25, 50 or 100 lb. iron kegs.

Hubbuck's White Zinc, Red Lead, pale boiled and raw Oil. Stockholm and Coal Tar, in barrels or drums. Castile Soap. Shot, BB to No. 10, Punched Horse Shoes, Sal Soda, galv'd Anchors, Brush Door Mats, flexible steel and iron Wire Rope, Seine Twine, Harris' Harness Liquid, Da/ & Martin Blacking, galvanized Buckets and Tubs, Chain, blk. and galv'd 1/4 to 5/8; galv'd Sheet Iron, No. 16 to 26; Tinned Wire, Copper Wire, No. 10 to 20, black and galv'd Fence Wire, Nos. 4, 5 and 6, Blue Mottled Soap, Anvils, 70 to 200 lbs.; Blacksmith's Vises, all sizes; a large asst. of Bar Iron, kegs Dry Venetian Red, Yellow Ochre, Paris Yellow, Burnt Umbre, Ult. Blue, Paris Green, Metallic Paint, etc.

Also, received ex Australia, 2600 asst'd Elect. Lamps, Hose, Butcher Knives, Carvers, Carriage Gloss Paint, Sulphur Bellows, Scissors, Shoe, Paint and Varnish Brushes; Buckles, Picture Cord, Furniture Nails, Tape Measures, Jennings Bits, Yale Padlocks, Oilers, galv'd Swivels, White Shellac, Gold Leaf, Leather Washers, and at last our fine asst. of Wostenholm Pocket Knives and Razors has got here.

We were almost out of those fine swing Razor Stropps, but have a new lot this steamer. We have a full line of Electrical Goods, and can wire houses for Electric Lights on short notice. Now is the time to leave your order for wiring, as in a few months the current for lights can be furnished and then everyone will want lights at once, and those whose houses are wired will of course get lights first.

E. O. HALL & SON.

LIMITED.

COR. FORT & KING STS.

A FEW OF OUR SPECIALTIES.

COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF
"SUPERIOR"

Stoves and Ranges

"EUREKA" RANGES,
"CLIPPER" CABOSES,
LAUNDRY STOVES.

FRENCH RANGES
set in brick.

AGATE IRON WARE,
AND TIN WARE.

"COLUMBUS" WROUGHT STEEL
SINKS, Galvanized and White
Enameled,

RUBBER HOSE,
CAL. LAWN SPRINKLERS.

Sheet Metal Goods in Tin, Copper or Galvanized Iron on hand or made to order.

Full line of Sanitary Goods, Bath Tubs, Lavatories, Water Closets, Pipe and Fittings. We are equipped for work of all kinds in the Sheet Metal and Plumbing Trade, and can guarantee thorough workmanship and first class materials in these lines.

We solicit your patronage.
J. Emmeluth & Co.

No. 6 Nuuanu st., and 104 Merchant st.

CHAS. F. PETERSON.

Typewriter, Conveyancer and Notary Public.

Office over Bishop's Bank.

Hard Times Mean Close Prices To House Keepers.

If you are in need of any New or Second-hand FURNITURE, RUGS, STOVES, SEWING MACHINES, Etc., call at the

I X L

Furniture & Commission House,
Corner Nuuanu and King streets.
18 1f

C. B. RIPLEY.

ARCHITECT!

OFFICE—SPRICKLES BLOCK, ROOM 5,
HONOLULU, H. I.

Plans, Specifications, and Superintendence given for every description of Building. Old Buildings successfully remodelled and enlarged. Designs for Interior Decorations. Maps of Medical Drawing, Tracing, and Blueprinting. Drawing for Books or Newspaper Illustration.